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## ***Mayor Healy to Promote Five to Rank of Deputy Chief Fire Officers Will Forgo Related Pay Increase for One Year***

**JERSEY CITY** – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy will promote five battalion chiefs to the rank of Deputy Chief during a **4 p.m. ceremony on Friday, April 15, 2011**, in the City Council Caucus Room, 280 Grove Street.

Due to unprecedented retirements, the rank of Deputy Chief has been depleted from seven in the beginning of 2010 to currently only one person serving in that rank. This has resulted in significant costs, as any battalion chief who serves as Deputy Chief in an acting capacity is paid at the highest level as required by the Fire Department union contracts. Without the promotion, the city would spend nearly \$200,000 this year to adequately staff the position.

“These fire officers have agreed to forgo any increase for one full year, and as a result, we will be able ensure the highest level of safety for our residents and firefighters while reducing the cost to the taxpayer,” said **Mayor Healy**.

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